

dorsed, "assented to." Whereupon, it was Ordered, That the three last mentioned bills, and the said preamble and resolution, be severally engrossed.

The clerk of the executive council delivered the following communication from his excellency the governor, inclosing the report therein referred to; which were read and ordered to lie on the table, viz.

Executive Department, Annapolis, Feb. 5th, 1828.
Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

In compliance with your order of the 2d instant, requesting me to lay before you at as early a day as practicable, the number of days each member of the council has attended in the council chamber since the first Monday in January 1826, designating the several adjournments of that body, and the number of days each member attended at each adjournment, I herewith submit a report from the clerk of the council, which will afford you the desired information.

With the highest respect,

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

Jos: Kent.

The house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Turner, entitled, An act to restrain the evil practices of persons of colour in this state, on the Sabbath day; and in the progress of the second reading thereof,

On motion by Mr. Turner, the first section was amended, by inserting at the end thereof, the words, "except, such as are travelling on business."

On motion by Mr. Blakistone, the said section was further amended, by also adding at the end thereof, amended as above, the words, "or in case of sickness."

On motion by Mr. Teackle, the said section was further amended, by inserting, "negro or mulatto," in the place of, "person or persons of colour," stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Gantt, the fourth section of the bill was amended, by inserting between the words, "any person," in the first line thereof, the words, "constable or other."

On motion by Mr. Turner, the fourth section was further amended, by substituting the words, "negroes or mulattoes," in the place of "coloured persons," stricken out.

On motion by Mr. Hughes of Montgomery, the said section was further amended, by striking out the words, "or otherwise," in the third line of that section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words, "or elsewhere."

On motion by Mr. Boon, seconded by two other members, the house agreed to reconsider the third section of the bill for the purpose of amending the same; when,

Mr. Boon proposed, that the said section be amended, by